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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD TO COMPRESS DESTINATION ADDRESSES OF A  
MULTICAST MESSAGE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 1, please delete the first full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

The present invention relates to a device for compressing a list of destination addresses of a multicast message, and a method for compressing a list of destination addresses of a multicast message, a router of a communications network wherein such a device for compressing is included, and a host of a communications network wherein such a device for compressing is included.